Chapman State Park

The 862-acre Chapman State Park includes the 68-acre Chapman Lake on the West Branch of Tionesta Creek. Adjacent to state game lands and Allegheny National Forest, Chapman is an oasis of recreational facilities in a vast area of wilderness.

Directions

The park is off US 6, in Warren County, near the town of Clarendon. From US 6, turn onto Railroad Street, which becomes Chapman Dam Road. Follow Chapman Dam Road about five miles to the park.

Reservations

Make online reservations at www.visitPAparks.com or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Saturday.

Recreational Opportunities

1. PICNICKING: The main picnic area is by the beach and overlooks the lake. Five picnic pavilions may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis. Pavilions 1 - 4 are ADA accessible.

2. CAMPING: modern sites, most with electricity
   The beautiful, woodland campground has 81 campsites, modern restrooms, water at convenient spigots, and a sanitary dump station with portable fill water. Pets are permitted at designated campsites. ADA accessible sites are available. The campground is open from mid-April to mid-December. Winter access cannot be guaranteed and can be checked by contacting the park office.

3. CAMPING COTTAGES: Three cottages sleep five people in bunk beds, and have wooden floors, windows, table and chairs, electric heat, electric lights and outlets, porch, fire ring, picnic table, and are adjacent to a water hydrant. Cottages 1 and 3 are ADA accessible. Cottages are permitted in Cottage 1.

4. YURTS: These round, canvas and wood-walled tents have a wooden deck and sleep six people in two bunk beds and a double bed. Yurts have a stove top, microwave oven, refrigerator, coffeemaker, table, chairs, electric heat, electric lights and outlets, fire ring, picnic table, and are adjacent to a water hydrant. Yurt 1 is ADA accessible.

5. ORGANIZED GROUP TENTING: Year round, this rustic area is available for all ages and groups that need this type for school and adult youth groups. The area has restrooms nearby, fire rings, and picnic tables. Advanced reservations are required.

6. SWIMMING: A sand beach is open from late-May to mid-September, 8:00 AM to sunset. Swim at your own risk. Please read and follow posted rules.

7. HIKING AND BACKPACKING: 12 miles of trails
   In addition to the trails in the park, Chapman is the trailhead for backpacking trails on adjoining public lands. Maps and trail information are available at the park office. Free parking is available at the park for those who would rather not leave their vehicles along public roadways.

If you plan to leave your vehicle in the park, please notify the park office.

Chapman State Park is in the midst of about 517,000 acres of Allegheny National Forest and state game lands. When going on a hike, always take a map and compass and know how to use them. Leave word with a family member or friend, or the park office concerning the trails you will take, destination, and expected return time. Have a safe hike.

Tell us about your hike at: www.explorepa.com

7. FISHING: The 68-acre Chapman Lake has fishing for coldwater and warmwater fish, including brook and brown trout, largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfish, yellow perch, and sucker. ADA accessible fishing piers are on the eastern and western shorelines of Chapman Lake.

Within the park and the surrounding Allegheny National Forest, trout fishing exists in the West Branch of Tionesta Creek and Farmsworth Run.

Camping Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.

8. BOATING: electric motors permitted
   The 68-acre Chapman Lake has a boat launch and 41 seasonal mooring spaces on the western side, and mooring for registered campers on the eastern shoreline.

During the summer, a boat rental is available in the beach area, conditions permitting. Call the park office for the current boat rental rate.

Motorboats must display a current boat registration. Non-powered boats launched in the park must display one of the following: boat registration; launch permit or mooring permit from Pennsylvania State Parks, available at most state park offices; launch permit from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

9. HUNTING AND FIREARMS:
   Allegheny National Forest and State Game Lands 29 adjacent to the park are open to hunting.
   Hunting woodchucks, also known as groundhogs, is prohibited. Dog training is only permitted from the day following Labor Day through March 31 in designated hunting areas. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission rules and regulations apply. Contact the park office for ADA accessible hunting information.

Use extreme caution with firearms at all times. Other visitors use the park during hunting seasons. Firearms and archery equipment used for hunting may be unsecured and ready for use in authorized hunting areas during hunting seasons. In areas not open to hunting or during non-hunting seasons, firearms and archery equipment shall be kept in the owner’s vehicle or enclosed trailer. Exceptions include: law enforcement officers and individuals with a valid Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms are authorized to carry a firearm concealed on their person while they are within a state park.

Enjoy the Winter

WARMING HUT: On the western side of the park near the shed fishing hill is a warming hut with a wood burning stove and benches. Chapman also provides parking and heated restrooms.

SNOWMOBLING: The park is a trailhead to over 300 miles of trails in Allegheny National Forest. The trails are open after the end of deer season in late December, conditions permitting.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: All trails can be cross-country skied. Recommended trails and groomed trails are indicated on the map. About 4.4 miles of trails are groomed, conditions permitting. Many of Chapman’s trails connect to additional cross-country ski trails in Allegheny National Forest and State Game Lands 29.

SLEDDING AND TOROGGAGING: Conditions permitting, a seven-acre slope on the western side of the park is available for sledding. When conditions are good, lights extend the sledding time into the evening.

ICE SKATING: Conditions permitting, an ice skating pond is located across from the park office. When conditions are good, lights extend the skating time into the evening. Skating is permitted on the lake at your own risk.

ICE FISHING: The 68-acre Chapman Lake is popular for ice fishing for perch and trout.

ICE SAFETY: Ice thickness is not monitored. For your safety, make sure ice is at least 4” thick for a single user and 7” thick for a small group. Always carry safety equipment.

Access for People with Disabilities

5. This symbol indicates facilities and activities that are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible for people with disabilities. This publication text is available in alternative formats.

If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park you plan to visit.